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USDA Forest Service Shawnee National Forest, Illinois.
OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT
Draft Decision Notice Phragmites and Reed Canarygrass Management

The Shawnee National Forest District Ranger has prepared a draft decision to implement the Phragmites and Reed Canarygrass Management project. The action is to treat all known sites of the two highly invasive wetland species and any newly discovered infestations on the Forest using an integrated combination of prescribed fire and manual, mechanical and/or chemical control methods. Copies of the Draft Decision Notice and the Environmental Assessment with Finding of No Significant Impact are available on the Forest website: www.fs.usda.gov/shawnee, or upon request from: Shawnee National Forest Supervisor's Office, 50 Hwy 145 S, Harrisburg, IL 62946, (618) 253-7114.

Objections will only be accepted from those who submitted project-specific written comments during scoping or the 30-day comment period on the environmental assessment. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period(s). Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of this legal notice. The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9).

Objections must be submitted to: USDA Forest Service, Suite 700 PAL/LSC Staff, 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Milwaukee, WI 53202. Objections alternatively may be faxed to: Objections, (414) 944-3963, subject: Shawnee Phragmites and RCG. Objections also may be submitted by e-mail to objections-eastern-region@fs.fed.us, stating "Shawnee Phragmites and RCG" on the subject line. Objections must meet the content requirements of 36 CFR 218.9. Hand-delivered objections may be submitted to the Eastern Regional Office, 626 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Suite 700, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, between 7:30 AM and 4:00 PM CT, Monday through Friday, except on federal holidays. Acceptable formats for electronic comments are text or html email, Adobe portable document format, and formats viewable in Microsoft Office applications.

Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest(s) and/or Ranger District(s); 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve, your objections; and, 6) description of the connection between your objections and your prior comments. Incorporation of documents is not allowed except as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b). Additional information

regarding this action can be obtained from: Chad Deaton, 521 N. Main St., Jonesboro, IL 62952, phone (618) 833-8576, or email cdeaton@fs.fed.us, or the [Shawnee National Forest website](#).

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